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SUBJECT: CGYOOOL-ICRC REPORTS RELEASE OF 87 DETAINEES.
LACK OF SPACE PREVENTS FURTHER RELEASES

1. ICRC-ZAGREB REPORTS THE RELEASE, ON NOVEMBER 3, OF 87 PRISONERS FROM B-H CAMPS. SIXTY-ONE PRISONERS HELD BY SERBIAN FORCES IN KAMENICA (NEAR DRVAR) HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND TRANSFERRED BY ICRC TO THE TRANSIT CENTER IN KARLOVAC (REPUBLIC OF CROATIA) RUN BY UNHCR. ANOTHER GROUP OF 25 SERBIAN PRISONERS, HELD BY MUSLIM FORCES IN BIHAC AND CAZIN, HAVE BEEN RELEASED AND TRANSFERRED BY ICRC VIA CROATIA TO OSIJEK AND FROM THERE TO THE FRY. ONE FREED DETAINEE CHOSE TO STAY IN THE BIHAC AREA.

2. ICRC-ZAGREB ALSO REPORTS THAT THE PLANNED RELEASE OF OVER 3,000 PRISONERS AT THE MANJACA CAMP HAS BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED, IN PART BECAUSE UNHCR HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FIND PLACES FOR THE RELEASED DETAINEES
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CURRENTLY IN KARLOVAC AND IN PART BECAUSE SERBIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE YET TO ORDER THEIR RELEASE (SEE PARA. 4). THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPARENTLY REFUSED OR BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL TRANSIT FACILITIES INSIDE CROATIA. (COMMENT: PROCESSING FOR THE 1,000 EX-DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES WHOM THE U.S. HAS OFFERED TO TAKE IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED UNTIL LATE DECEMBER.)

3. THE TRANSIT FACILITY AT KARLOVAC IS PRESENTLY FULL. ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO HOUSE 2,000 DETAINEES, 500 PLACES HAVE BEEN LOST BECAUSE OF THE DANGER POSED BY A SEVERELY DAMAGED ORTHODOX CHURCH WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE FACILITY AND COULD COLLAPSE AT ANY MOMENT. ICRC HOPES THAT THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENT WILL AT LEAST PERMIT UNHCR TO REPLACE THESE 500 PLACES WHICH HAVE BEEN LOST.

4. THE LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM RADOVAN KARADZIC TO THE SERBIAN AUTHORITIES RUNNING THE MANJACA CAMP ARE REPORTEDLY ANOTHER ELEMENT COMPLICATING THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS. DURING A RECENT VISIT TO MANJACA, OFDA CONTRACTOR TOM BRENNAN RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SERBS RUNNING THE CAMP WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO BE RID OF THE PRISONERS IF THEY WERE ONLY TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO DO SO. ICRC-ZAGREB OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THESE IMPRESSIONS, ADDING THAT UNSC RESOLUTION 780 CREATING A WAR CRIMES COMMISSION APPEARS TO HAVE HAD A VISIBLE IMPACT ON THE ATTITUDES OF THE CAMP AUTHORITIES.

5. REFERRING TO THE SITUATION IN JAJCE, OUR
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INTERLOCUTORS, WHILE DISCLAIMING ANY DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF SERBIAN INTENTIONS, SAID THEY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE SIMILAR SITUATIONS DEVELOPING IN THE

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NEAR FUTURE IN OTHER LOCALITIES IN NORTHERN BOSNIA.
IN PARTICULAR, THEY FEAR AN EXODUS FROM COMMUNITIES
NORTH OF TRAVNIK SUCH AS MAGLAJ AND ZAVIDOVICI.
MEANWHILE, THEY COMMENTED THAT THE AUTHORITIES IN
TUZLA, UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE B-H GOVERNMENT
IN SARAJEVO AND WITH ROADS VIRTUALLY INACCESSIBLE
FROM THE SOUTH, HAVE BEEN FORCED TO NEGOTIATE WITH
SERBIAN FORCES IN THE HOPE OF ESTABLISHING A
PROTECTED CORRIDOR FOR RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM
BELGRADE. ICRC-ZAGREB OFFICIALS DID NOT DISCOUNT A
POSSIBLE SERB ATTACK ON TRAVNIK ITSELF BUT NOTED THAT
THE CITY APPEARED TO BE WELL DEFENDED.

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